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## THE ISSUE UP TO KUHIO.

The Taft League is heard from in this issue of the Star. It is now up to Kuhio to say whether there shall be peace or war. He will have a chance in the press and in the convention to say whether he prefers Republican solidarity to racial division.

Nothing but Republican harmony is wanted by the Taft League and if it is refused for the sake of racial prejudice, there will be issue fixed upon which the dominating race cannot eventually lose.

## FOR A GROWING HONOLULU.

One way to make Honolulu grow is to extend the roads in all the valleys on both sides to a loop, making a belt thoroughfare connecting at the valley's head. This has practically been done with one central road up Nuuanu valley, but belt roads are needed in Kalihi, Manoa, Paooa and Palolo. They would make hundreds if not thousands of home sites, especially with cross-roads through the taro swamps the Sanitation Commission is expected to condemn.

Eventually, if Honolulu is to be a great city the valleys will have to all be utilized; and care ought to be taken that none of the land is wasted in parks. The project of one park two years ago would, if carried out, have been just that much land subtracted from our future civic domain. We need all the valley land for the future city, the more so because afforestation projects may eventually segregate the heights.

It is not necessary to build \$18,000 graft roads either. Except for main thoroughfares the New England and middle States carry their enormous traffic on dirt roads in the ruts of which broken stone is placed on occasion. We could have many more good roads than we possess if we hadn't gone wild over macadam for political use.

## THE DEMOCRATIC PROGRAMME.

The Democratic plan of free sugar and an income tax, with a crippled and lowered tariff, amounts to nothing unless it finds the support of the majority of the people in the next national elections. It seems to be forgotten, now and then, in this far outpost, that the action of a party which only controls one House of Congress, is only important as indicating the plans of the party if it succeeds in a larger field. Before it can do anything towards a free trade tariff or an income tax, it must have the House and Senate by a majority big enough to carry an enactment over the President's veto or it must have control of all branches of the government except the judiciary. We do not recall the time, even under Cleveland, when the Democratic control was total; and even the Democratic Wilson bill was a mere shadow of its former self when it became a law, for it happens that almost every congressional district of the United States wants local protection. But even such slight advances as the Democracy made towards free trade at the end of Cleveland's term brought on hard times and ended in a protectionist Republican majority.

The exposure of the old Bourbon game thus early, ought to make Taft's election fairly secure. The States which elect Presidents are still protectionist; and the public has learned by bitter experience that when capital is driven into its shell in alarm, and withholds investments that banks give no loans and that it is the common run of men who have to suffer. The attack is already made again upon the foundations of public security and we see no more reason why the people should support it now than they did during Bryan's last three canvasses, unless it is necessary, through a Roosevelt nomination, to protect the vital principles upon which the republic rests.

## AFTER THIS

Criticisms keep coming in about the floral parade, most of which say that the last one was disappointing because there were no flowers. Bougainvilleas were not seen, though they were common in dooryards, which was perhaps the reason why they were not displayed on the cars; and poinsettias were available. A dozen kinds of pretty flowers could have been grown especially for the occasion, but paper flowers were cheaper and easier to get. But who cares for paper imitations anyhow? Who would cross the ocean to see them?

We like the published suggestion to change the character of the day—at least, for a trial—and associate it more with the life of Washington. Why not, for next year, get the enlarged military to have a fine parade and review in the morning, to be followed in the afternoon by exercises in the most spacious theater we have, commemorative of Washington? We should have for speaker some distinguished senator, diplomat or other public man, get some fine singer from the coast and have playing by the massed military bands of Oahu; then to have such a carnival in the evening as we sometimes enjoy New Year's eve. Here would be a welcome change from tawdry floats and paper-decked automobiles, of which we have had enough. One had much rather see the ordinary circus procession.

In a word, let us strike a note of comparative originality next year and have something which goes by its right name.

## PORT OF HONOLULU PROJECTS.

If there were a plan to build a great port here because of expected gains from the Panama canal, this paper would oppose it until the canal had shown what it could do for us, if anything; but the Star is in favor of improvements, at least to the extent which would enable big ships to come to all the wharves, with railway facilities for freight handling.

The quicker run on the great circle via San Francisco, to or from Panama, should give that city, which is the chief depot on the coast for freight and passengers, an advantage which Honolulu could not hope to overcome, but the general growth of sea business in these waters should impel us to make reasonable port provision for it. This can be done without running Honolulu so deeply into debt that new people will not care to come here and live, and thus retard the growth of the town.

## AN UNCIVILIZED REPUBLIC.

The massacres in China come from both sides and the one is as culpable as the other. Outside the seaports, where there are foreign concessions and warships, and where the great weltering mass of Chinese live, is a country which needs the strong hand of a white power as do any of the petty satrapies of Africa. That is proved, time and again, by the flight of missionaries to the gunboats. Under the control and guidance of England, Germany, Japan, France, Russia and the United States we should soon have a peaceable country of China which would have its resources and opportunities developed in a civilized way and would not be always hesitating between a state of hunger and one of violence. Absorption seems to be China's only safe way out.

It is rather a pity that the Italian strikers at Lawrence can't be shipped back home as disturbers of the peace. Two-thirds of the strikes in this country are run by a foreign peasantry, who, at home, are forced into the army and disciplined. In America the natives of the country have to take dictation from them.

The trouble with the Roosevelt movement is that it will have to be on the defensive all the way to Waterloo.

Nobody wants, on second thoughts, to take over the McCandless duty of paying for it.

Walt Mason  
The Poet Philosopher

The big campaign got under way when ceased the rush of Christmas shopping, and now for many a weary day the land will ring with idle yawping. We'll make of politicians gods, and THE GREAT whoop for this and jeer at that one, and really it will make no odds if we elect the lean or fat one. We'll waste the golden summer days a-whooping round for Bob or Billy. Alas! we are such all-fired jays! We are so fatuous and silly! It makes no odds to you and me who wins and wears the White House laurel; let windy politicians be, and plant your onions, beans and sorrel. Let statesmen rant in frenzied tones about the way to save this nation, while we are salting shining bones down in the loan association. The more they save this weary land, the fiercer grows their wild endeavor, the more salvation it will stand, and so the job goes on forever. So let the jawsmiths spring their spiels and keep the cheap tin welkin humming, while we are salting down the wheels for rainy days that sure are coming.

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WALT MASON.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

J. H. HERTSCHE—The rathskeller will help make the Young an up-to-date hotel.

C. FRITSH—Anybody can grow roses well if he plants them near an electric light.

JOHN ROMANIS—George Lyeurgus may come back a year from now for a short stay.

JUDGE WISE—I think oysters would grow near Hilo and I have sent for some of the Japanese seed oysters to try.

JUDGE LYMER—Many of the people down in Chinatown are doing all they can to comply with our rules.

DR. PRATT—There is one case of diphtheria at Waiakua, Kauai, at present, but it is nothing to worry about.

HARRY LEWIS—There seems to be a tariff scare on here, but there is not the least chance in the world of the duty coming off sugar this year.

CAPT. JOHNSON—Lieut. Cateby as Jones, proved too much for one of the Honolulu papers. They had him Cateby as Jones, though his name figures properly in Hawaiian naval annals.

S. CHILLINGWORTH—We would like to know what Duke Kahanamoku is doing at present. He appears to have won a race during the last few days, but we would like to have further particulars as to time.

E. D. TENNEY—I do not believe that the present Congress will enact any free sugar bill. If it did, I think President Taft would veto it. However, it may come from a Democratic Congress and President, but if the elections go that way, a political landslide will follow which will bury the Democratic party for twenty years.

H. P. WOOD—A few years ago there was more or less indifference to Hawaii among tourist agencies and passenger traffic men. Today the condition is just reversed and these same people are now fairly demanding to be kept supplied with our printed matter. It is a pretty big job to do this, but we are doing all we can within our means.

D. F. THRUM—I think the newspapers and the public are being too hard in their criticism of Duke Kahanamoku and his manager for not having cabled the news. It may be that plans have been so changed that Manager Lou G. Henderson feels that he can not afford to spend money for cables. He is responsible for the funds, and if the necessary expenses are running higher than was thought it is most natural that he should avoid spending money in cabling what he may assume the Associated Press is attending to. I think we should have patience in this matter.

## SQUARE STATEMENT

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chairman of the convention. "This proposed agreement was the subject of discussion, and although the delegate heartily endorsed the first two items of the agreement, yet he finally stated that he did not consider that any agreement should designate the individuals who should later be selected by the convention as delegates.

"Accordingly, in order to meet this objection the officers of the league made to the delegate and his friends a second proposition, as follows:

"1. That all delegates to the national convention should pledge themselves to work and vote for a renomination of President Taft.

"2. That the Kuhio-Frear controversy should not be brought into the Territorial convention to be held April 15, 1912, and that no action should be taken by said convention, save the choosing of the delegates and alternates to the Republican national convention.

"3. That the league would support the delegate for election as one of the six delegates to the Chicago convention, thus eliminating any opposition to his election, upon condition, however, that he would at once return to his post of duty at Washington.

"The reasons for suggesting this condition were two: One being that if the delegate remains in Honolulu during the campaign it seems probable that personalities will be brought into the campaign, even though it might be against the delegate's personal desire; the other being the fact that at the present time particularly, in view of the important legislation now before Congress respecting Hawaiian affairs, the delegate's duty, not only to the party, but also to the Territory at large, requires his presence in Washington.

"To this second offer no express reply has been made to the officers of the League. However, the Delegate has issued a public statement to the effect that he proposes to remain in Hawaii during the campaign and until after the convention for the election of delegates to Chicago is held.

"This statement the League considers to be a definite refusal on the part of the Delegate and his friends to accept the second offer made.

"The members of the Taft Republicans' League realize that in attempting to make an agreement of the nature outlined above they might appear to come to be attempting to dictate to the Republican party and that they might be subjecting themselves to some possible criticism. However, it has seemed to the members of the

League that the welfare of the Republican party required, if possible, harmony within its ranks and every reasonable effort tending to secure such harmony and to avoid a factional fight was fully justified.

"It seemed to the League that the one safe way of bringing about this result would be to cover the entire subject matter to be brought before the convention as fully as possible, even to the extent of agreeing in advance upon the individuals who would be supported for election as delegates, as well as upon the individual to be supported for national committeeman. Unless this course should be followed it seemed to the members of the League that factional fights would be bound to occur and some bitterness stirred up; also that it would be well nigh impossible to prevent personalities from being brought into the campaign. No counter proposition has been made by the Delegate and his friends, although as is evident, the League would have been glad to consider any reasonable proposition which might be made by them.

"Therefore, believing that such a course is for the welfare of the entire Territory as well as for that of the Republican party, the League has determined, in order to insure the selection of an instructed delegation for President Taft and in order, so far as may be, to prevent the bringing of personalities into the campaign, to seek to secure at the primaries the election of delegates to the coming territorial convention, who will in that convention stand firmly for the following propositions:

"1. That the delegation from Hawaii to the Chicago convention be sent with positive instructions to work and vote in that convention throughout for the renomination of President Taft, as the Republican candidate for election as President of the United States.

"2. That no action be taken by the convention favoring either party to the so-called Kuhio-Frear controversy or favoring in any way of personalities, and that no business of any nature be done at the convention other than the selection of the instructed delegation as stated.

"J. P. COOKE."

## THE THEATERS

The Bijou's Good Program. Besides completely changing its vaudeville acts, the Bijou will have a number of feature films for tonight. Among them will be "The Still Alarm," a realistic picture which shows heroic efforts of members of the fire department in fighting an immense conflagration. "The Sleep

Walker" is a thrilling picture, while "For the Boys" depicts Western cowboy life and tells a very interesting story of love's trials and tribulations.

For the vaudeville program, the Doric Trio will appear in four popular songs, with the tall bass singer introducing fancy steps. This number never fails to please, and tonight's songs will be as good as ever, if not better than usual.

Anthony and Johnson will appear in a blackface sketch replete with funny situations and "Down South" singing. This team is very clever and carries its own scenery, which adds materially to the act. These two good vaudeville turns, in conjunction with the feature film program, will make the Bijou a favorite rendezvous tonight, tomorrow and Wednesday night.

## All Feature Films at Empire.

Three big feature films and the Texas Tommy dance by experts are tonight's attraction at the Empire in a nutshell. "Lassoing Wild Animals in South Africa" is an intensely interesting picture from beginning to end. It shows a band of American boys in the wilds of Africa roping and tying the lion, hippopotamus, rhinoceros and other inhabitants of the Nile river, and getting as much fun out of it as they would out of circus beasts. This is an absolutely new film, and the only one of its kind in existence. It was obtained by the Honolulu Amusement Company only after paying a heavy royalty on it.

"Winter Sports in Canada" will prove interesting, whether you're been in Canada or not. It shows how they enjoy life in winter away up North. Snow from one end of the country to the other will prove very interesting to those who have never been in cold countries. The other feature film will be a melodramatic picture entitled "Rescued in Time."

The pretty little Heyman sisters will give a demonstration of how the famous "Texas Tommy" is danced on the Coast. They will dance it better than it has ever been danced here and will demonstrate that there's nothing objectionable to the dance which recently took society by storm. Two performances will be given, one at 7:15 and the other at 8:45. Join this down in your memory if you want to spend a pleasant evening.

Two More Nights of Dante's Inferno. To accommodate those who have not been able to avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing "Dante's Inferno" the Savoy management has decided to put the pictures on again tonight and tomorrow night.

This picture has caused a good deal of favorable comment around town and a common expression on the street last week was, "Have you seen the hell pictures?" If the answer came in the negative the inquirer would always say, "You don't want to miss it; it's great."

Two shows are given nightly, and the price of admission is 25c and 35c.

## ARMY ORDERS

Following is the gist of late orders from headquarters, Department of Hawaii, signed by Adjutant General Archibald Campbell by command of General Macomb:

Sergeant John T. Linney, Company E, Second Infantry, Schofield Barracks, H. T., will proceed to this city and report upon arrival to the Adjutant General of the Department for duty at these headquarters.

Private Clark Sherbrook, 159th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Fort Ruger, H. T., is transferred to Company G, Second Battalion of Engineers, Fort De Russy.

First Class Private John Denial, Company G, Second Battalion of Engineers, Fort De Russy, H. T., is transferred as a private to the 159th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Fort Ruger.

Leave of absence for one month, to take effect on or about March 12, 1912, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, and with permission to visit the United States, is granted First Lieutenant Ernest K. Johnstone, Medical Reserve Corps, Schofield Barracks.

## BEET SUGAR

(Continued from Page One.) of sugar that the poor workman would have been able to buy for his dollar had the Democratic bill been passed, in comparison with a tiny one under the oppressive Republican administration; and a lot more such things.

"I do not believe that with a Democratic Senate and President any such bill would ever have been even prepared. Had the House leaders been really sincere they would have introduced a bill slightly reducing the duty; but then it would probably have passed the Senate and the President, and that is just what they don't want."

Mr. Pollitz expressed his confidence in the soundness of Hawaiian sugar stocks as an investment, based on their earning power, and maintains his belief that the present slump is unwarranted by facts.

## GERMAN WAR CLOUD PASSES

BERLIN, February 15.—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, in speaking today in the Reichstag on the question of Germany's relations with Britain, said:

"Viscount Haldane, although without binding the British government, still at the instance of the British cabinet, discussed with us the points at which the interests of both countries come into contact.

"The object was to find a basis on which the mutual relations of the two countries could be improved.

"These confidential conversations, which were heartily welcomed by us, have been exhaustive and frank and will be continued."

The imperial chancellor hoped that the House would not ask for further announcements at the present time. His speech was heartily and generally applauded.

## A DECISIVE REPLY.

One might perhaps have supposed that by this time all the possible arguments against female suffrage had already been used (for, as some might put it, used up). But a quite novel point of view is expressed in a story told by Mrs. Kate Douglas Wiggin when interviewed on the question the other day. A New England farmer's wife was busily occupied about her day's "chores"—hurry from churning to sink, from sing to shed, and from shed to kitchen stove—when she was interrupted by a canvasser who wanted to know whether she approved of woman's suffrage and wished to vote. "No, I certainly do not," she replied, with a vigorous movement of the churning dasher. "I say if there is any one little thing that the men folks can do alone, for goodness sake, let 'em do it!"—Manchester Guardian.

Miss Alice Nicholson has accepted a position in the cut flower and curio store of Snyder & Shaw in the Pantheon building, Fort street, where she will be glad to meet her friends at all times.

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